## Legal Services Corporation Pilot Loan Repayment Assistance Program Responses to Frequently Asked Questions (as of 10/26/05)

1. Do I count my husband's income in order to determine whether my income is within the LSC Pilot LRAP income level of \$45,000?

No. Your husband's income is not considered. Count just your income plus any interest, dividends, realized capital gains, gifts, and trust income that is in your name.

2. My name was on the list of potentially eligible LSC Pilot LRAP attorneys that my program submitted in July, 2005. Yet, I did not receive an email from LSC inviting me to submit an application for the LSC Pilot LRAP. Why?

Because funding for the LSC Pilot LRAP is extremely limited, LSC was not able to provide LRAP assistance to everyone on a program's July list. Instead, programs were awarded only a certain number of slots in both the recruitment and retention categories. Further, we were not able to provide LRAP assistance to any attorneys in the 25 and 36 months experience range.

3. Our program was awarded 3 slots in the up to 12 months experience range. One of the attorneys on our July list has left the program. She has been replaced. Can the new attorney apply for LSC Pilot LRAP assistance?

Yes.

4. Our program was awarded 4 recruitment slots. Is a new hire eligible for the LSC Pilot LRAP if she does not plan on actually starting work with our program until after April 15?

Yes. The recruitment slots apply to any attorney who has accepted an attorney position with the program between October 15, 2005 and April 15, 2006. This attorney need not actually start working with the program during these dates. Further, it is critical that the availability of the LSC Pilot LRAP assistance was known to the attorney at the time she was recruited.

5. Some attorneys on our July, 2005 list have since left the program. Can other attorneys apply for LSC Pilot LRAP assistance even though their name is not on the July list?

Yes they can apply. However, remember that LSC funded only a limited number of retention slots that are based on from 0 to 24 months of experience with the program. These attorneys, whose names do not appear on the

program's July 2005 list, will only be considered if their years of experience fall within these slots. If more attorneys apply for a slot than positions are available, LSC will decide which attorney will receive the LRAP assistance.

6. I receive LRAP assistance from my program and I have applied for LRAP assistance from my law school. The law school application is pending. The on-line application form does not allow me to report both LRAPs. What should I do?

List only the LRAP that you are currently receiving. Email the LRAP coordinator information on the other LRAP when you are notified about the law school's decision.

7. The Participating Attorney Certification Form line 5 asks me to enter my "net worth." My net worth is less than zero due to my debts. Should I enter the exact number?

No, entering \$0 will be sufficient.